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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 29-35 and 37-43 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants CANCEL claims 13-28, 36, and 44.

Applicants greatly appreciate the allowance of claims 29-35 and 37-43 by the Examiner.

The Examiner rejected claims 26, 28, 36, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Although Applicants believe that this rejection is improper, Applicants have canceled claims 26, 28, 36, and 44 in order to expedite prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 26, 28, 36, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

The Examiner rejected claims 13-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Slattery (U.S. 4,737,418). Although Applicants believe that this rejection is improper, Applicants have canceled claims 13-28 in order to expedite prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 13-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Slattery is moot.

Accordingly, as admitted by the Examiner, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the prior art of record, applied alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the unique combination and arrangement of elements recited in claims 29-35 and 37-43.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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